



Surfside Town Gazette

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Mayor
Charles
Burkett

SURFSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER, AQUATIC FACILITY AND LIBRARY COMPLEX

The choice is yours.

(see page 5,6 for details)

Attention Surfsiders:

The **FINANCING REFERENDUM** for the
**COMMUNITY CENTER,
AQUATIC FACILITY &
LIBRARY COMPLEX**

is

TUES., JULY 14, 2009

The last day to register to vote in this
upcoming election is
Monday, June 15, 2009

PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUMS

are scheduled

THURS., JUNE 11, 2009

and

WED., JULY 8, 2009

4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

in Town Hall, 2nd floor

Meet one-on-one with financial &
programming staff, and the architects &
engineers.

Learn first hand about the design, the
cost, and the features.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD PUBLIC WORKSHOP

**Tues., June 2 at 6:00 pm,
in Commission Chambers**

TOPIC:

HOTEL USES

**in the H120 (Collins Avenue)
Zoning district, including height use
& parking requirements**

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— SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS —

At the Special Commission meeting held on **May 5, 2009** the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida selecting the firm of West Construction, Inc. to be the general contractor for the construction of the Town Community Center, Library and Aquatic Facility; authorizing the Town Manager and Town Attorney to enter into negotiations for a construction contract to build the Community Center, Library and Aquatic facility design based on the terms of the bid; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: Unanimous**

In other matters:

The Town Commission voted to no longer pursue the property next to the 96th Street Park and reallocate the funds toward the Community Center project. The motion passed with **Commissioners Levine, Calderon and Mayor Burkett voting in favor and Commissioner Weinberg and Vice Mayor Imberman voting in opposition.**

At the Commission meeting held on **May 12, 2009** the following Ordinances were adopted on Second Reading:

1. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Sections 90.52 and 90.92 relating to circumstances under which required clearance may be waived; providing for inclusion into the Code; providing for repeal of all conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: Failed Unanimously**

2. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 90-15(b) eliminating residency requirement for licensed architects to serve on the Design Review Boards provided no licensed architect can be identified and is willing to serve at the time of the appointment and further provided the entire Commission ratifies said appointment; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: Adopted Unanimously**

3. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 14-29 of the Town of Surfside Code of Ordinances to amend the format and provide a revised permit fee schedule providing for inclusion in the Code; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: Adopted 3-2** (Commissioner Calderon and Mayor Burkett in opposition)

The following Ordinances were introduced for First Reading. Second Reading will be held on June 9, 2009:

4. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 90 "ZONING," ARTICLE II "ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT," DIVISION 2

"PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD" by amending Section and 90-18 to add a function to the Design Review Board; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

5. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida authorizing the issuance, subject to the bond referendum herein provided for, of general obligation indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 for the Town of Surfside, Florida, for providing funds to finance or refinance the construction and improvement of the Community Center, aquatic facility and library complex project, payable from the full faith, credit and ad valorem taxing power of the Town; providing for and calling a bond referendum of the qualified electors of the Town to be held on July 14, 2009; providing for official ballots, providing for bond referendum procedures; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: As amended, Unanimous**

6. An Ordinance of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Sections 90.47 requiring 5 foot setbacks from rear and side yards to ensure and to protect town residents from additional noise; providing for inclusion into the Code; providing for repeal of all conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: Passed Unanimously**

The following Resolutions were adopted:

7. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2008/2009 Police Confiscation Fund expenditure in the amount of four thousand five hundred and fifty dollars (\$4,550.00) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **VOTE: All in favor**

8. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2008/2009 Police Confiscation Fund expenditure in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **VOTE: All in favor**

9. A Resolution adopting an "Identity Theft Prevention Program"; to comply with federal regulations relating to red flags and identity theft; and approving administrative rules entitled "Identity Theft Prevention Program Rules"; and, declaring an emergency. **VOTE: All in favor**

10. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, appointing the Canvassing Board for the Special Bond Referendum and calling for the Election to be held July 14, 2009; providing for an alternate and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: As amended, all in favor**

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Surfside Commission Highlights (continued from page 2)

11. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida authorizing the Finance Support Services Director to execute the required agreements with AT&T to consolidate certain existing AT&T accounts and to dissolve the Paetec month to month agreement; providing for implementation and providing for an effective date. **VOTE: All in favor**

In other matters...

The Commission reviewed and approved the monthly budget to actual summary with Mayor Burkett voting in opposition.

The Commission approved funding to the grant writer to pursue the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Stimulus Loan application.

The Commission approved moving forward with the Traffic Management Program – Installation of Speed Tables.

Due to the July 14, 2009 Referendum Election, the Town Commission agreed to change the date of the Regular Commission meeting to July 15, 2009 at 7 p.m.

The members of the Commission were requested to provide the contact information for their appointee to the Ad Hoc 75th Anniversary Committee before the June 9, 2009 Regular Commission Meeting.

EVALUATION & APPRAISAL (EAR) REPORT UPDATE

The Comprehensive Plan guides land use, zoning and development within the Town. In June 2008 the Town adopted the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR), which gave recommendations on revising the Comprehensive Plan. The EAR-based amendments are broken down into the data inventory and analysis of each Comprehensive Plan element and goals, objectives and policies.

Two public workshops were held in April during which the public provided feedback and had an opportunity to ask questions on any recommended changes. The first workshop was held on April 21, 2009 and consisted of the following elements: Future Land Use, Housing, Open Space and Recreation, Coastal and Conservation. The second workshop held on April 28, 2009 included the following elements: Infrastructure, Transportation, Capital Improvements and Intergovernmental Coordination.

The next step will be to present a draft of the document to the Planning and Zoning Board tentatively in August, followed by first reading of the Town Commission sometime in the fall.

NEW BUILDING PERMIT FEES NOW IN EFFECT

On May 12, 2009, the Town Commission approved an ordinance that adopted new building permit fees. Permit fees had not been adjusted for eleven years, since May 1998.

The new fee schedule is simple, direct, logical, and customer-friendly. In contrast, the former schedule was somewhat complicated and out-dated. The new schedule is divided into easier-to-read and easier-to-understand categories.

One of the principal changes is that the minimum fee has been increased from \$55 to \$80. The \$80 minimum fee helps to cover the cost of reviewing the documentation, processing and issuing the permit, and performing required inspections. This fee is less than the average minimum fee charged by other jurisdictions in Miami-Dade County.

A second significant change is that most permit fees are now based upon the cost of the project. This will make it easier for contractors (or owner-builders) to determine what their permit fees will be, in advance, instead of not knowing the fee until the permit is ready to be picked up. Contractors may be asked to provide a copy of their contract, in order to verify the total project cost.

Town staff has been working with the Town's computer software company to revise the fee schedules in the computer program. The new fees became effective June 1st.



THE SURFSIDE BOOK CLUB WELCOMES ALL RESIDENTS!!!

The **Surfside Book Club** is set to meet on
June 16th at 7:00 pm.

The book selection is **"Killing Floor" by Lee Child**. Please be sure to confirm date, time,
and place by contacting Kim at:

kimjo614@the-beach.net



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

- Speed tables are being installed along the 9500 block of Byron and Abbott Avenues.
- The FDOT 88th and 94th Street storm water drainage projects are complete.
- Landscaping improvements in the Byron Avenue traffic circle are complete.



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Residents are reminded to please keep garbage cans, in your side yard, for pick-up. Help keep Surfside properties neat in appearance.

The RECYCLING days this month will be Wednesday, June 3 & 17. The wheeled, recycling container is only to be used for recyclable materials (e.g. glass, plastics, cardboard: flattened packing, cereal or gift boxes or corrugated cardboard, paper: newspapers, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, printer/copier paper, and metals: aluminum & steel food /beverage containers). Do not use it for garbage or trash.

TOURIST BUREAU

Residents are reminded that the new Business Directory is now available in Town Hall, the Tourist Bureau office, the Surfside Library, and on the Town and Tourist Bureau websites:

www.townofsurfsidefl.gov and www.visitsurfsidefl.com




BUSINESS DISTRICT

The Surfside Business Association recently hosted its 3rd Annual "Parents Hunt for Art". Almost 175 watercolor pieces created by Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor students in grades 1 through 5 were on display throughout the commercial district. Parents searched for their child's masterpiece, businesses provided discount coupons and raffle prizes, and the children took pride in seeing their art hung in public establishments.

TOWN OF SURFSIDE PROJECTS: A PROGRESS REPORT

Community Center: Bids have been reviewed and the Town has entered into negotiations with the apparent low bid contractor. The permit process is still moving forward both at the State and County levels. If funding is found and approved the Contractor should be able to break ground in early September.

Beach: Bids are being prepared and sought for a new lifeguard stand for the beach. The existing one has begun to succumb to the harsh elements.

Planning and Community Development: The Planning & Zoning Board has asked staff to research boat ordinances in other municipalities to determine how they address the issue. A revised ordinance would be reviewed by the Town Commission.

Website, Information Technology, TV Broadcasts: Recording audio distortion issue resolved. Content Management System is being integrated into Town website – this will facilitate web maintenance/updates and will require backend redesign. Proposal submitted for AT&T internet/phone service upgrade.

Water System: Field data is being collected for the design of a completely new water system. Concept meetings have taken place with Town staff for the potential location of the proposed water mains and services.

Building Code Services: The oceanfront townhouse project at 9501 Collins Avenue obtained their foundation permit, but construction is being delayed pending financing and a possible redesign. Responding to FEMA issues continues to consume a large amount of staff time, as both homeowners and contractors have to be educated in the Federal regulations.

Transportation and Traffic Engineering: Speed table designs for Byron Avenue and Abbott Avenue have been approved by Miami-Dade County Traffic, and revised per commission comments. The Town of Surfside Stop Sign/Traffic Intrusion Analysis is approximately 90% complete. Calvin, Giordano and Associates have finalized recommendations for traffic calming devices within the town and will continue to consult with staff to prioritize sites.

SURFSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER, AQUATIC FACILITY AND LIBRARY COMPLEX

The Choice is Yours.



On Tuesday, May 5th the Surfside Town Commission unanimously agreed to move forward with the Community Center, Aquatic Facility and Library Complex project because interest rates are low, construction costs are down and the construction bids are good until mid-July. The Commission selected a 3-story design concept which incorporates residents' suggestions made during numerous public forums, held over a period of many years. The building of a multi-purpose facility, serving all residents, focuses on the Town's future.

The Commission acknowledged the need for a financing referendum and it is scheduled for **July 14, 2009**. The new financing amount for the upcoming referendum is nearly half the amount it was on the November '08 ballot.

Financing Mechanism: On May 12th the Commission introduced an Ordinance to issue bond debt or a bank loan in an amount not to exceed \$9M, with an interest rate cap on the debt not to exceed 6%.

Voting: For many years the Community Center, Aquatic Facility and Library Complex has been a high community priority. **If you wish to exercise**

your right to vote in the July 14th election, you may choose to verify that you are on the voters' list by calling the Miami-Dade County Elections Department, Voter Services Division, at 305-499-8363.

The last day to register to vote in the upcoming election is Monday, June 15, 2009

Absentee Ballot Applications: If you are a registered voter, and if you are not already on the list held by the Miami-Dade County Elections Department to regularly receive an **absentee ballot**, you may obtain one by:

- Requesting the ballot in writing and include your name, date of birth, address where you wish to have the ballot mailed, the election date (7-14-09) for which you are requesting and your signature,
- Obtain an absentee ballot request form from Town Hall or,
- Download an absentee ballot request form at www.miamidade.gov/elections

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The absentee ballot request form must be received by the Miami-Dade County Elections Department, Absentee Ballot Section, P. O. Box 521250, Miami, FL 33152 **no later than Wednesday, July 8, 2009, 5 p.m.** in order for a ballot to be mailed to you.

Each voter must complete and sign a request. For more details on the absentee ballot request policy of the Miami-Dade County Elections Department please visit their website at www.miamidade.gov/elections and click on absentee ballots.

Please be sure to return your ballot to the Miami-Dade County Elections Department, Absentee Ballot Section, P. O. Box 521250, Miami, FL 33152 **immediately**. You may also return your own ballot to them at 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Doral, FL 33172.

To request a ballot or return a ballot for another voter, please refer to the Absentee Ballot Request and Return Policies on the website at www.miamidade.gov/elections. Special conditions, dates and permissions apply when handling ballots for other voters and these vary depending upon your relationship with the voter.

How much will the proposed project cost?

COMPLETE PROJECT BUDGET (Includes furnishings, landscaping & fitness equipment):

Minus Town Reserve application:	\$12.4 M
Total:	-\$3.7 M
Contingency:	\$8.7 M
	\$300 K

Amount to be financed NOT TO EXCEED: \$9.0 M

How much will it cost me? The property appraiser valuations are reported to the Town at the beginning of June. Once these figures are known, the Town will be able to assist you in determining the amount it will cost you.

Public Information Forums: Informal **Public Information Forums** are scheduled for **June 11th and July 8th** from 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Town

Hall, on the 2nd Floor. Residents will have the opportunity to meet individually with the financial staff to calculate how much it is going to cost, because every person's amount is specific to their situation. For the convenience of residents, there will also be a calculator on the Town website to enable each person to determine their own financial cost. This *direct process* will alleviate any potential misunderstandings as to the amount it will cost you.

Public Forums are being held so that you will be as informed as possible before you vote on July 14, 2009. *We want you to have facts.* The public can meet directly with the architects, engineers, finance personnel, and programming staff on an informal basis.

- You will be able to bring your questions to the professional team.
- You will be able to sit at a table with them and learn firsthand about the design concept, the layout, the cost, the features and the potential programming.
- You will be able to discuss your concerns, evaluate the benefits and financial impact, and determine your personal course of action.
- For your convenience, representatives from the Miami-Dade County Elections Department will be present. Residents with their own photo and signature identification can verify whether they are on the absentee ballot list. Elections Department staff will have absentee ballot applications at the Public Information Forums.

Should you have any further questions or if you are unable to attend the Information Forums, please contact (305) 993-1052.

After years of analysis, evaluation, discussion, and community input is it time to make the Community Center, Aquatic Facility and Library Complex a reality? **The choice is yours.**

SURFSIDE LIBRARY

Storytime will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 from 10:00 am-11:00 am. The library is closed at this time, so please knock on the door for admittance.

For your reading pleasure...

Adult

Non-fiction:

- **Don't Throw It, Grow It! 68 Windowsill Plants from Kitchen Scraps** by Deborah Peterson & Millicent Selsam
- **Just In Case: How to be Self-Sufficient When the Unexpected Happens** by Kathy Harrison
- **The Yankee Years** by Joe Torre

Fiction:

- **First Family** by David Baldacci
- **Summer on Blossom Street** by Debbie Macomber
- **Wicked Prey** by John Sandford

Children's

- **A Kiss In Time** by Alex Flinn
- **Goosebumps: Horror Land** by R.L. Stine (new series)
- **Chrissa** by Mary Casanova (American Girls)
- **Termites: Hardworking Insect Families** by Sandra Markle
- **The Runaway Dinner** by Allan Ahlberg

DVD's:

- **Twilight (PG-13)**
- **Seven Pounds (PG-13)**
- **Slumdog Millionaire (R)**
- **The Velveteen Rabbit (G)**
- **The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep (PG)**

SUMMER HOURS AT THE LIBRARY:

Are Now In Effect:

Mon - Wed - Thurs - Fri	10:00 am - 5:30 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday	CLOSED

The Library will be
closed for Independence Day,
Friday, July 3, 2009

SURFSIDE GOES TO THE DOGS!!!

The North Shore Kiwanis Club thanks the Surfside community for their overwhelming support of the CHARITY DOG SHOW held on Sunday, May 17. **All proceeds raised were to benefit the Kiwanis Club's childrens' programs.**

Canine supermodels strutted down the beach runway, competing for trophies. Surfside resident & certified dog trainer, Rose Lesniak, Dr. Leah Tibbales, a veterinarian from Aventura Animal Hospital and Lana Dwyer from Rio Pet Grooming served as judges. The North Shore Kiwanis Club thanks the Surfside Publix for donating water to the thirsty crowd, and also extends its hearty thanks to the other business participants: PETCO, Crown Trophy, Mary's lb, and pet photographer, Maria Socarras. A special thank you goes to Miami-Dade Commissioner Sally A. Heyman for her generous donation of the stage.



JUNE 2009 CALENDAR

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, JUNE 9 AT 7:00 PM

Charter Review Committee.....Monday, June 1 at 7:00 pm

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD: PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 6:00 pm

Topic:

**Hotel Uses in the H120 (Collins Ave.) Zoning District,
including height use & parking requirements**

Beautification Committee.....2nd Monday of the Month at 7:15 pm (06/08/09)
Education Committee.....1st Thursday of the Month at 8:00 pm (06/04/09)
Parks & Rec. Committee.....3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:00 pm (06/18/09)
Planning & Zoning BoardLast Thursday of the Month at 7:00 pm (06/25/09)
Tourist Bureau.....1st Monday of the Month at 6:00 pm (06/01/09)

COMMUNITY CENTER, AQUATIC FACILITY AND LIBRARY COMPLEX

Public Information Forum.....June 11 at 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

UPCOMING:

INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY: FRIDAY, JULY 3

**Town Hall & the Surfside Library will be CLOSED
The Beach Club & Lifeguard Stand will be staffed until 5:00 pm
The Tennis Center will be open for general play**

**(There will not be any regularly scheduled programming for the
Recreation Dept. or Tennis Center)**

COMMUNITY CENTER, AQUATIC FACILITY AND LIBRARY COMPLEX

Public Information Forum.....July 8 at 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

FINANCING REFERENDUM.....July 14

REGULAR JULY COMMISSION MEETING RE-SCHEDULED TO

Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 pm

Please note that all times & dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change. To verify the information, contact Town Hall at (306) 861-4863, visit the Website www.townofsurfsidefl.gov or tune in to channel 77.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



THE MIAMI SHORES AQUATIC CENTER

will be CLOSED on June 22nd
for superchlorination.



The Parks & Recreation Department

Invites residents & their children
to attend

"SWIM SAFELY INTO SUMMER"
Ocean/Pool Water Safety Tips



Wed., June 17th, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

In the Parks & Recreation Modular
behind Town Hall

Light refreshments will be served.

Instructor:

Aquatic Supervisor, Jacquelyn Villagran
(American Red Cross Water Safety &
Lifeguarding Instructor)

For further information,
please call (305) 866-3635.



Town of Surfside Night with the Florida Marlins vs Yankees Saturday, June 20, 2009

Ticket Price: \$38.00 per person includes
admission & transportation.

Bullpen Box - (Formally known as Terrace Box)
Section 102 Rows 22-25

All kids under 18 years old must be accompanied
by an adult.

(Tickets are Non-Refundable)

Bus departs from Town Hall at 5:30 pm SHARP
& returns at approximately 11:00 pm.

Purchase deadline is Friday, June 12th!!!!.
(Only 45 Tickets Available for Purchase)

For more information or to purchase tickets
contact the Parks and Recreation Department
(305) 866-3635.

ADULT PROGRAMS

may continue in the summer, pending
registration numbers. Please call
(305) 861-3635 to express your interest.

SURFSIDE TENNIS CENTER

Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 10:00 pm • Friday - Sunday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

Class Name	Age Group	Day	Hours	Fee (per person)
Meet, Greet & Play Tennis	Advanced Adult	Mondays & Thursdays	8:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Resident \$9 Non-Resident \$10
Adult Doubles	Advanced Beginner	Wednesdays	8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Resident \$9 Non-Resident \$10
Junior Clinic (Reservation Required)	9 - 11 yrs. old	Wednesdays	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Resident \$17 Non-Resident \$19

LIVING IN A FLOOD HAZARD AREA



LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD -

The Town of Surfside is being diligent in enforcing the FEMA/NFIP rules and regulations that govern flood prevention activities. Residents have lost the discount on their flood

insurance premiums because FEMA made the determination that Town had been lax in enforcing FEMA's rules in the past. The goal is now to abide by the federal rules to ensure that residents will once again be able to obtain the premium discount. The following information is provided to suggest actions which residents living in a flood hazard area may take to minimize potential flood damage.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM - Any substantial flood experienced by Surfside residents will likely come from a hurricane or tropical storm. Since Surfside is on a barrier island, any storm surge is likely to flood coastal, as well as interior properties. Because of this, you should heed all hurricane and tropical storm warnings. These warnings will be broadcast through local television and radio stations, such as WFOR-Channel 4, WTVJ-Channel 6, WSVN-Channel 7, and WPLG-Channel 10, or on radio on WQAM-AM 560 or WIOD-AM 610.

FLOOD SAFETY / PROPERTY PROTECTION - If an evacuation is ordered, you should proceed to rapidly evacuate to a point of safety, such as a County shelter or other prearranged site. Remember that pets are not allowed in public shelters, so special arrangements should be made for them. People with special needs, who are disabled, or under a doctor's care, can and are encouraged to register in advance, for special assistance with the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management by calling the general information number (305) 468-5400 or by dialing 311 to request an application for the Emergency Evacuation Program. Before you evacuate, there are a number of flood safety precautions to follow. Know appropriate escape routes, turn off your electricity and gas, and close all your windows, doors, and shutters. If you have time, you can move valuables and furniture to elevated areas that are less prone to water damage. Prepare emergency supplies of food, water, medicines, and other personal essentials to have readily available upon evacuation.

FLOOD INSURANCE - In preparation for the hurricane season, you should check that your flood insurance coverage is in effect. Remember that flood damage is not covered by homeowners' normal insurance. For most people, their home and its contents represent their greatest investment. Protect your property by obtaining flood insurance if you have not already done so. Flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program is available and information can be obtained by contacting any licensed property or casualty broker. Also remember that there is normally a 30 day waiting period for the flood insurance to

take effect, so do not wait until there is a storm warning to talk to your insurance agent.

DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE- Another way that the Town of Surfside minimizes flood damage is by maintaining its storm drainage system. Please be reminded that it is illegal to dispose of debris or yard cuttings into the storm drainage system. The storm drainage system on A1A and 96th Street, installed by the State of Florida, helps to minimize flood damage. Effective maintenance by our Public Works Department, combined with the State of Florida storm drainage system, should minimize potential flood damage.

LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD MAP / PERMIT

REQUIREMENTS - Flood damage may be minimized by new buildings and additions adhering to the current Base Flood Elevations (BFE). In most cases in Surfside, it is 8.0 feet NGVD. However, it is advisable to obtain a written flood map determination from the Town's Building Official showing the Base Flood Elevation required for your proposed construction, according to the exact location. Should you require completed elevation certificates, make sure your Surveyor utilizes the latest edition of the Elevation Certificate Form. All construction, including reconstruction, rehabilitation, additions, alterations, and general repair work, must obtain a Municipal Building Permit, provide an Elevation Certificate, and fill out the Flood Damage Prevention Worksheet. Residents are encouraged to contact the Building and Zoning Department to eliminate confusion as to pertinent codes and regulations to facilitate your permit process.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS - The "Substantial Improvement" Rule applies to all work done to an existing structure, including additions, since September 1972. If the total dollar value of this work equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of your structure (not including the value of the land), within a five-year period, then your entire structure will be required to be raised to or above the base flood elevation. If the structure is a commercial building, it will be required to be flood-proofed. The Federal Government requires the Town of Surfside to have an ordinance enforcing this Rule through the Building and Zoning Department. Failure by the Town of Surfside to effectively enforce the Substantial Improvement Rule may result in the virtual unavailability of flood insurance for the Town.

Further information on all of these subjects is available at the Surfside Library in the Reference Section. The Library is located in the modular unit behind 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, Florida (305-865-2409). The Librarian can direct you to the Floodplain Management Section. Written flood map determinations are available through the Town of Surfside Building and Zoning Department, located at 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, Florida (305-861-4863).

POLICE DEPARTMENT

SURFSIDE CRIME RATE DECREASES

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement has released the 2008 crime statistics. **Surfside's 2008 crime rate decreased by 2.5% from 2007.** The Town had reductions in Part One Crimes for robbery, burglary, larceny, and auto theft from 2007, but experienced an increase in aggravated assault. Arrests for 2008 increased to 632 from 612 in 2007 (2006 - 323 arrests, 2005 - 226 arrests, 2004 - 138 arrests, 2003 - 225 arrests, 2002 - 95 arrests, 2001 - 96 arrests, 2000 - 247 arrests).

Part One Crimes:

Violent Crimes	2007	2008
Murder	0	0
Rape	1	1
Robbery	5	2
Aggravated Assault	14	31
Property Crimes	2007	2008
Burglary	30	21
Larceny	113	107
Motor Vehicle Theft	11	8

SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT TAKES HOME TOP HONORS FROM MADD

The Surfside Police Department received two awards at the 2009 annual Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) banquet held last month: **TOP COP for Sgt. Jose Valino** and the MADD Police Department Award for our efforts directing the Moonlight MADDness event last October.



Police Chief, Dave Allen and Father Enrique Estrada

POLICE CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

Congratulations to **Father Enrique Estrada of St. Joseph's Church** on his selection as the first Surfside Police Department Chaplain. He attended Police Chaplain School May 12-15. This International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC) course includes:

- Stress management
- Death notification
- Post-traumatic syndrome
- Burnout
- Confidentiality & legal liability
- Ethics
- Responding to a crisis
- Law enforcement family
- Substance abuse
- Suicide
- Officer injury & death
- Sensitivity & diversity

Father Estrada will volunteer his services to the community and police department. In his capacity as professional chaplain he becomes a chaplain for "everyone", and provides comfort, kindness, support, a patient ear and guidance to all persons in crisis. The chaplain & law enforcement officers work as a team to make a difference in the lives of those touched by tragedy.

Surfside Police Crime Statistics Monthly Activity by Classification

Classification	MAR	APR	+/-
Homicide	0	0	0
Involuntary Sexual Battery	0	0	0
Lewd / lascivious	1	2	-1
Aggravated Assault-Battery	1	1	0
Burglary Structure	4	1	-3
Burglary Conveyance	6	1	-5
Grand Theft	3	2	-1
Fraud	1	3	2
Robbery	0	1	1
Grand Theft Auto	1	0	-1
Total Part One Crimes	17	11	-6
Battery Simple	2	1	-1
Domestic Violence	2	1	-1
Theft Under	3	2	1
Criminal Mischief	3	1	-2
Driving Under Influence	6	7	-1
Total Part Two Crimes	16	12	-4
Traffic Citations	396	520	124
Arrests	41	54	13
Parking Citations	449	586	137



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS:

Plan now, be safe!



The official hurricane season is from June 1st until November 30th. The barrier island of Surfside lies within Evacuation Zone A, which means that if forecasters predict that a major hurricane is headed for our coastline, this area would be evacuated first.

The Town of Surfside Emergency Information Hotline Number is (305) 993-1070.

In the event of an emergency, the Police Department will inform residents and business owners via the website, Channel 77, the Publix Bulletin Board and postings in Town Hall as to when the hotline number would be activated and operational. Once the number is activated, residents & business owners should call the hotline number during operational hours with questions **specific** to the Town of Surfside.

The Surfside Police Department may also alert residents through the **CodeRED** emergency telephone information system about evacuation or boil water notices.

To assist residents in their emergency preparations, please check www.miamidade.gov/oem for information about: Supply Checklists, Evacuation Routes, Hurricane Evacuation Centers (including ones that will take pre-registered pets), Fuel Stations with generators, Publix &

Winn Dixie supermarkets with Generators, Sedano's with Generators, Traffic Signals with Generators, Miami-Dade County intersections with Generators, and **special needs planning for infants, the elderly and persons with disabilities.**

BEFORE A STORM:

Hanging tree branches and strong winds are an unfavorable mix that can cause considerable damage to our utilities, homes, cars and neighborhoods. **Now** is the time to trim your trees and throw out any unwanted furniture or debris from your patio.

The Town of Surfside wants to remind all property owners, occupants, or users of a property that during a **HURRICANE WATCH, YOU** are responsible for securing and/or removing all construction materials, debris, dumpsters, trailers, toilets, fabric awnings, swing signs, tents, temporary power poles and any other equipment, loose objects or materials in exposed outdoor locations.

AFTER A STORM:

Place large piles of hurricane debris on the right-of-way of your property for collection. Do not place hurricane debris on a vacant lot. Do not place hurricane debris in the road. Do not place non-hurricane related trash on the right-of-way after a hurricane.



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Community Center (305) 866-3635
Tennis Courts (305) 866-5176
Tourist Bureau (305) 864-0722
Library (305) 865-2409
Surfside Police Department.. (305) 861-4862

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